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CDV OF CANINE WARRIOR FAILS TO 'FETCH' HIGHER PRICE THAN RIKER.

UNION DOG SAID TO BE WORTH TWICE A REBEL SOLDIER.

Readers may recall the sale of a CDV of Colonel J. L. Riker on Ebay back in August of this year. The CDV of the commander of the Anderson Zouaves sold for US\$431.56 and was also the subject of an attempted purchase by an Australian syndicate, led by Dr Stephen Gapps of the 62nd New York Anderson Zouaves Inc. The auction saw furious last minute bidding and an eventual sale to the buyer *ktcw*.

At the beginning of October another CDV of a famous member of the brigade was once again sold on Ebay. This time it was a CDV of Dog "Jack" the mascot of the 102nd Pennsylvania. The CDV of Dog "Jack" was listed at a starting price of US\$249.99 and had a "Buy it now" price of US\$549.99! In the end there were two bids on the CDV with the final price being US\$261.99 and the buyer had a familiar name. He or she was the same person who had purchased the CDV of Riker – *ktcw*!



The CDV of Dog "Jack" which sold on Ebay recently. The photographer R. W. Addis originally worked out of the McClees Gallery, 308 Pennsylvania Ave., where he took the pictures of at least two members of the Anderson Zouaves, Lieut. James Magee, Co. 'D' and Private Isaac Cooper, Co. 'A'. Addis later operated his own gallery on Pennsylvania Ave. near 13th Street.

As it turns out Dog "Jack" could well be the most famous member of Peck's brigade.

In 1992 a novel was written by Florence W. Biros about the famous 102nd PVI member. The novel *Dog Jack* is rather free with the facts in its rendering of the life of Dog "Jack", and the regiment he fought with, but also features Alexander Stewart, the real life Chaplain of the 102nd, who's memoirs of the war are recorded in *Camp, March and Battlefield*.

In 2005 production started on a feature film based on the novel. The film, by Edward McDougal, which used reenactors for some of the extra work, is currently in post production and is due for release later this year. Some of the ACW reenactors which worked on the film were from the 140th PVI and the 28th Georgia / 123rd New York Volunteer Infantry reenactment organisations in the United States. The official website for the movie can be found at the following URL <<http://www.dogjackmovie.com/SiteFiles/>>.

The novel is described as "The heartwarming story of a runaway slave and his best dog friend". Stripped of this sentimentality, the real story of Dog "Jack" is probably even more impressive.

The story of Dog "Jack" with the 102nd (old 13th) Pennsylvania started when Jack, a stray bull terrier cross, wandered into the Niagara

Volunteer Fire Co. in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. After initially being ill-treated he won the sympathy of the volunteers and became the mascot of the company. When the volunteer fire fighters enlisted in the 102nd as Company 'F', Jack naturally went with them and was promoted to mascot of the regiment.

Dog "Jack" was reknowned for charging straight to the front line during battle and was said to understand the bugle calls of the regiment and to obey orders. At the end of the conflict he would roam the battlefield, seeking out wounded and dead comrades.

Dog "Jack" has a service history which anyone would be proud of. He joined the regiment on August 15, 1861 and during his time of service, he took part in all of the regiments battles except for when he was in captivity. He was at Williamsburg, Fair Oaks, and Malvern Hill at which battle he was seriously injured, being shot through the shoulder and back. After being treated by the regiment's medical officers he made a full recovery and rejoined his company. He was also slightly wounded at the first and second battles of Fredericksburg. He was captured after the Second Battle of Fredericksburg at Salem Church on May 3, 1863. He was held at Belle Isle, Va. for six months eventually being exchanged for a Confederate prisoner (some accounts say two) late in 1863. Dog "Jack" was also captured at Savages Station on June 29, 1862, but on that occasion managed to escape. He took part in the Wilderness campaign, the Battle of Spotsylvania and the Siege of Petersburg.

On December 23, 1864, Dog "Jack" disappeared in Frederick, Md., and was never found. The general conclusion of his comrades was that the silver collar the men of his company had given for him attracted the attention of thieves, who dispatched him.

The men of the 102nd commissioned a portrait, modeled on a photograph of Jack taken on the same day as the CDV recently sold on Ebay.



Another (better) picture of Dog 'Jack' taken in the same studio. A third picture, also taken in this studio, was later used by members of the 102nd Pennsylvania Volunteers to commission a painting of their canine comrade.

GEORGE WEINMANN AND THE RIKER POST



George J. Weinmann, a professional genealogist for twenty years, formed *Weinmann's Genealogical Service* in 1996. With a lineage in the United States reaching back to the 1600's, George Weinmann has a keen interest in genealogy and is a member of many genealogical and historical organisations including:

The Association of Professional Genealogists, New York Metro Chapter APG, New York Genealogical and Biographical Association, George Cleeve Association, Stetson Kindred of America, Sons of the Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution (1st NY Continental Chapter), Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Greenpoint Monitor Museum and the Sons of the American Legion.

Mr Weinmann's most gratifying activity is the locating and marking of unmarked Civil War veteran's graves.

In All Faiths Lutheran Cemetery, Middle Village, Queens, he found that the Colonel John Lafayette Riker, Post #62, Grand Army of the Republic (G. A. R.) plot, had no grave markers for any of the veterans buried there. Neither did the large central monument include any names. Believing all these men deserved to be in marked graves he decided to investigate further.

Speaking to the Cemetery President, Daniel Austin, Mr Weinmann obtained an internment list for the Riker Post plot. While the list included the names and burial dates of the veterans and the family members who were buried with them, it did not include the date of death, the regiment the person served with, the branch of service or an age. Furthermore, where the interned person was not a veteran, there was no indication of that person's relationship to a Civil War veteran. George Weinmann



George Weinmann leads the procession for the rededication of the J. L. Riker plot at the Lutheran All Faiths Cemetery.



The J. L. Riker G. A. R. Post No. 62 plot at the Lutheran All Faiths Cemetery Long Island with the newly dedicated grave markers in place.

knew that taking on such a project would be a time consuming challenge but well worth it.

In total there were 115 deceased buried in the Riker plot. Fifty-six of these were Civil War veterans and the remainder were family members. With the goal being to identify each veteran's regiment and branch of service, together with the names of their family members, George Weinmann planned to place a government cut granite Civil War headstone on each veteran's grave.

Pension records helped match the identity of the regiment, wife and children's names. Pension and service records provided proof of service. When these records could not be found, 1890 and other Federal and State Census records were researched. Often overlooked resources such as headstone applications, grave registers, G. A. R. Post and SU-VCW records as well as obituaries and naturalisation records were also examined. Problems occurred with common names and ages and a lack of information on various regiments including those that served only at the beginning of the war.

Eventually George Weinmann was able to identify all the Civil War Veterans, and on the morning of April 17, 2004, the Oliver Tilden Camp G. A. R. Post No. 26, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War held a dedication ceremony, conducted by George Weinmann, to honor the 56 Civil War veterans with new government headstones as part of the cemetery's 150th Anniversary celebrations.

George Weinmann's effort to mark all the veterans in the Riker plot was all the more meaningful as his ancestor, Corporal Michael Ditzel, served in Company 'F' of the Anderson Zouaves. While Ditzel is not buried in the plot Sergeant George J. Diehl & Private Louis Kitz, both of Company 'F', are.

Besides the gravemarkers in the Riker plot, Mr Weinmann acquired a headstone for Brig.-General William George Mank who was buried in an unmarked grave in the same cemetery for over 110 years and, with the assistance of David Gigler, the director of the Mount Olivet Cemetery, researched and set up a headstone dedication ceremony for 25 veterans buried in the Robert J. Marks, G. A. R. Post No. 560.

George Weinmann has two new projects which he is currently working on. One is to research and plan another headstone dedication ceremony for the unmarked Hecker G. A. R. Post No. 443 plot which is adjacent to the Riker plot while the other is to place new headstones on the Koltes G. A. R. Post No. 32 plot, also in Lutheran All Faiths Cemetery.

Following is a report from the *New York Times* relating the original dedication of the Riker Post's burial plot, October 13, 1884.

RIKER POST'S BURIAL PLOT DEDICATED IN LUTHERAN CEMETERY WITH MUSIC AND SPEECHES.

The burial plot of J. L. Riker Post, No. 62, G. A. R., of this city, at the Lutheran Cemetery was dedicated yesterday afternoon with appropriate ceremonies and in the presence of a large gathering of members of the Grand Army and others. A special train took the veterans from Hunter's Point to the cemetery station, where the column was again formed in line of march. It was led by the Memorial Committee of Post No. 62, ex-Alderman August Fleischbein, Chairman. Then followed the Riker Post band and drum corps, Anderson Zouaves, Capt. Mosher commanding; Riker Post, No. 62, August Schaeffer, Commander; Sixty-second Regiment Veteran Association; Sedgwick Post, No. 186, Isador Isaacs, Commander; Eleventh Regiment Veteran Association; Posts Nos. 7, 14, 17, 20, and 21, Sons of Veterans; Koltes Post, No. 32, Charles Lemsey, Commander, and the August Fleischbein Association, Henry W. Minturn, President. In carriages accompanying the column were Department Commander Ira M. Hedges, Adjt.-Gen., George B. Squires, Aide-de-Camp B. R. Corwin, Justices McAdam, Nehrbas, Browne, and Patterson, and Col. Carr.

The threatening storm that followed from New-York gave place to sunshine as the train reached the station, and the fall of rain, in laying the dust, made it a pleasant march to the cemetery. Here Judge Browne presided. The platform then presented a pretty picture. It was walled in with flags. Side by side with the bright new post flags were the battered ones of some of the old regiments carried during the war. Among them were those of the Sixty-second New-York Volunteers, carried by Riker Post; of the Fifth, Seventh, Twenty-ninth,

and Sixty-fifth, carried by Koltes Post, and that of the old Anderson Zouaves. Addresses were made by Justices Browne, McAdam, Nehrbas, and Patterson. Department Commander Hedges, B. R. Corwin, and Henry C. Botty. Several choruses were sung by the Schwaebischen Saengerbund and dirges played by the post band. On the return a marching salute was given at the Koltes Post plot, which nearly adjoins that of Riker Post. The plot dedicated is 28 by 78 feet, and is situated in one of the most pleasant spots in the new cemetery. The monument to be placed there is already well under way, and will be in position and unveiled on Decoration Day, in May next.

MORE ON CAPTAIN B. FRANK HEAN OF THE 93D.

by Barry Crompton

Last month *Anderson Zouave* reported on former Captain B. Frank Hean of Company 'F' of the 93rd PVI, a sister regiment of the Anderson Zouaves, and the fact that he had died and was buried in Australia. Hean was one of the last commanders of the 93rd and led the regiment in a charge on the Confederate works at Petersburg on April 2, 1865. For this he was made a brevet Major on January 12, 1866. Hean committed suicide in St Kilda, Victoria on New Year's Eve 1895.

The US census shows that B. Frank Hean was born in Lebanon, Pennsylvania. His father John Hean married his mother Frances about 1830. John Hean was born about 1805 and Frances about 1809, both at Mt Union, Pennsylvania.

Tracking Hean down in Australia presented some problems as he didn't appear in the death records, nor was there any similar name in the records for 1895 or 1896 in the St. Kilda Cemetery. However, knowing that his body was removed to East Melbourne where the inquest into his death was held, led to investigations in that area which showed that he was in fact buried in the Melbourne General Cemetery, Church of England common ground. Confusing matters further was the different name that appeared on the death certificate and a further third name on the burial record.

Hean was prominent in the historical records of the 93rd PVI as a member of the Veteran's Association Reunion Executive Committee. However, as no reunions of the regiment were held between 1889 and 1901, the last time he appeared was in 1888, while he was residing in Cornwall, Pennsylvania. There is no further mention of Hean between this time and the report of his death in the Melbourne newspaper, *The Age* on January 2, 1896.

SHUFFLING OFF WITH THE OLD YEAR

While enjoying an early morning stroll along the Marine-parade, St. Kilda, yesterday, a resident of Barkly-street named Thomas Jarvis made a ghastly discovery. His attention was attracted by a glittering object clasped in the right hand of a man lying on a vacant piece of land abutting on the parade. Stepping across he found the body of a man, who was bleeding from a wound in the head, and who held a revolver in his right hand. It needed but a glance to see that the man was dead, and Jarvis hurried away to the police station and gave information. Constable Keaney was sent to the scene, and found the body as described. It was that of a man apparently about 50 years of age, with a bullet wound in his head. An examination showed that the revolver was loaded in four chambers, and that a fifth had recently been discharged. On the deceased's right arm was found tattooed, in red and blue, the figure of a French soldier, and beneath this was the name "B.P. Hean." [sic] Deceased was comfortably clad, but no papers were discovered that would point to his identity. A sum of 9d. was found in his pockets. All the circumstances indicate that the deceased committed suicide, and the body has been removed to the morgue, where an inquest will be held.

A few clues to the existence of Captain B. Frank Hean are left by historical records in the United States. He appeared in the 1860 census as Franklin Hean, aged 19 of Lebanon, Lebanon County, Pennsylvania. He enrolled on September 10, 1861 at Lebanon and was mustered in on October 12, 1861 as Private in Company 'F', 93rd Pennsylvania Volunteers. The regimental index cards in the Pennsylvania State Archives show that at the time he enlisted he was aged 21, of light complexion, blue eyes, sandy hair and 5' 6" (167.5cm). Given this information, Hean

must have been born between late 1840 and late 1841. By occupation he was a millwright and resided in Lebanon.

There was another Hean in the 93rd – Henry Hean, was aged 33 when he enrolled in the same company as B. Frank Hean. He was a blacksmith but, unlike Frank, he resided in Union Water Works, Pennsylvania, when he enrolled at Lebanon. He may have been a member of B. Frank Hean's family, but as he deserted on March 12, 1862, not much more is known about him.

B. Frank Hean is listed in the index to the Official Records in Series One, Volume 46 and there is a report by B. Frank Hean from the end of the war. However, outside of this and his mention in the rosters of the regiment, there is not a lot of other information on his Civil War service:

Numbers 124. Report of Captain B. Frank Hean, Ninety-third Pennsylvania Infantry.

HDQRS. NINETY-THIRD PENNSYLVANIA VETERAN VOLDS.,
April 15, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report of the operations of this regiment on April 2, 1865:

The regiment was placed in the third and fourth lines of battle by battalions, forming on the picket-line in front of Battery Gregg. At 4 a.m. the order was given to charge the enemy's works, which were carried after a short and obstinate struggle. In so doing the enemy opened with artillery and infantry causing the first two lines to waver, bringing all lines close in mass, with the third line (Ninety-third), as a front, which was first to plant the colors upon the works. We passed on, pursuing the enemy until ordered to halt for reformation. After reforming the line was moved off to the left for connection, halted, and after some time the lines were advanced toward Hatcher's Run. Received orders to return toward Petersburg. Upon our arrival the regiment was placed in line of battle, which was advanced in an oblique direction to the left, bringing the regiment immediately fronting a battery, which opened, with grape and canister, the line still closing in until only a few paces intervening. While so doing Sergt. Hiram Layland, Company H, led a squad to the left of the battery to outflank it if possible; upon arriving within a short distance of it he opened fire, shooting several horses and causing the men to desert their guns; at the same time the line in its front charged the line passed on a short distance, when ordered to halt. Entrenchments were thrown up as night approached.

Great praise is due Sergt. Charles Marquette, Company F, for capturing a rebel color while charging the enemy's works in the morning; Sergeant Layland for gallant service, and Corpl. Jacob Renkenberger for planting the first color upon the enemy's works in the first charge. Sergeant Layland was killed in advance of the line at the canal while picking off the rebel artillerymen. Officers and men stood nobly throughout the day.

Our casualties are as follows: Killed, enlisted men, 3. Wounded, commissioned officers, 3; enlisted men, 32-which have been previously reported.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

B. FRANK HEAN,
Captain, Commanding Regiment.
Captain E. A. TODD,
Acting Assistant Adjutant-General.

During Hean's post-war career and just prior to arriving in Australia in 1895, he served as Deputy Prothonotary (chief court clerk). What made him decide to come to Australia has not been identified. What made him so remorseful or so full of despair that he would take his own life so far from his home and family? Maybe he didn't kill himself though no signs of a struggle were found and the inquest decided that his death was at his own hands.

A photo of him at the time of the war is at the regimental history page on the internet with biographies of men of the unit, the photo was taken by Keim of Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

B. Frank Hean is one of the highest-ranking American Civil War officers buried in Australia. Others include Captain James B. Campbell in the Boroondara Cemetery in the Melbourne suburb of Kew and Major Zenas Rennie in Sydney.

NEW ACQUISITIONS

Two very exciting acquisitions have been made recently for the collection of materials concerning the Anderson Zouaves and its brigade, held by John Tierney. Both of the new acquisitions concern more specifically the history of the Ninety-third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry rather than the Anderson Zouaves but it is hoped that they will surrender some important information about the history of the brigade which may, in turn, inform the history of the Anderson Zouaves.

One of these new books, *The Diaries of Daniel Fegan Jr 1862-1863* (ed. Ralph S. Shay), is a rare 1962 publication by the Lebanon County (Pennsylvania) Historical Society of diaries kept by Daniel Fegan of the 93rd PVI.

Corporal Daniel Fegan enlisted in the "Annville Guards" (company 'K') of the 93rd PVI on October 21, 1861. He was wounded at Fair Oaks and was discharged by a surgeon's certificate on August 2, 1862. Two months after his discharge he enlisted in another Annville company, Co. 'C', 173rd PVI on October 29, 1862. He was discharged once again on August 17, 1863. The publication is 56 pages in length with 49 of those pages devoted almost exclusively to the diaries. It is hoped that the parts of the diaries related to Daniel Fegan's the service with 93rd PVI will be republished in a future issue of *Anderson Zouave* or in *Riker's Island*.

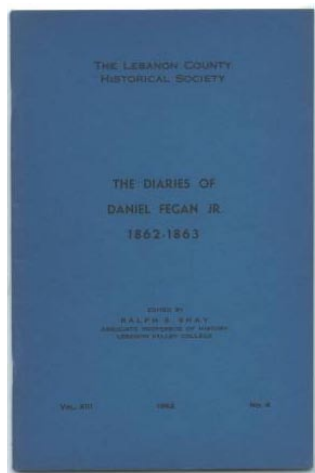
The second document is *Camps and Campaigns of the 93d Regiment Penna Vols.* by George H. Uhler who served as a private in Perseverance Fire Company No. 1, Company 'A'. This history of the 93rd PVI was originally published in 1898 and 1899 in a serialised form in the *Lebanon Courier* newspaper. This book is apparently Uhler's personal copy of the history in which he has pasted the newspaper clippings of his history into 46 pages of a notebook.

Camps and Campaigns of the 93d Regiment Penna Vols. has never been published as one volume. There are only two other copies of this history, both, like this book, collections of the newspaper clippings. One is at the US Army Military History Institute at Carlisle, Pennsylvania and the other at the State Library of Pennsylvania, however, this is the only copy known to be edited by the author. Unlike many historic newspapers, the *Lebanon Courier* is not available on-line and so it is unlikely that this history of the 93rd will be well known.

This document appears to be a preparation by the author of the history for publication as it includes many hand-written notes and amendments to the original newspaper articles. One such hand written note reads:

Col. Nevin, of the 62d N.Y. had command of the Brigade during the battle of Gettysburg, Genl. Wheaton being in temporary command of a division.

The titles of the articles break the document up into chapters and include: Camp Coleman; The Manassas Campaign; Yorktown and Williamsburg; Fair Oaks; Seven Days Battles; Chantilly and Antietam; Fredericksburg; Chancellorsville, Salem Church and Marye's Heights; Gettysburg; Mine Run – Harpers Ferry; The Wilderness Campaign; Petersburg; Washington and the Shenandoah Valley; Petersburg and Appamattox; Reunions; Muster Out Rolls. The manuscript includes full lists of casualties and battle details for the 93rd Regiment.



Two exciting new acquisitions will hopefully contribute much new information to the history of the Anderson Zouaves and its brigade.

This manuscript appears to have always been in private hands as it has no library or institution markings and was recently part of the collection of Dr. John J. B. Light, a book collector from Lebanon, Pennsylvania, before being purchased at an estate auction by Lee Jay Stoltzfus, a bookseller from Lititz, Pennsylvania, from whom the manuscript was acquired by John Tierney.

The editors of *Anderson Zouave* hope to edit the manuscript with a view to publication sometime in the future.

COMING EVENTS

Friends of Colonel Riker (FOCR) at First of the Summer Ale –

There was an intention to have a meeting of FOCR to commemorate New York's Evacuation Day on November 25, 2006. However, as this would clash with the Living History Resource Group's famous *First of the Summer Ale* event it has been decided that it will give way and encourage FOCR members to attend the *First of the Summer Ale* instead. The event is to be held on the November 25, 2006 at Old Sydney Town, Somersby, one hour north of Sydney from 11am. A light lunch and dinner will be provided. The historical theme for *First of the Summer Ale* is 17th century to early 19th century English, with dance, song, food and real ale. The organisers hope to have two morris teams for some traditional May dancing. If you have some activity you wish to host or if you would like further information please contact Bill Lincoln on 04 1142 2144 <pikenshot@yahoo.com>.

Thanks-Giving/Christmas Gathering – The Second Virginia, CSS Shenandoah, Company B 62nd New York and ACWRTA are having a Thanks-Giving/Christmas/End-of-year weekend event at Camp Pines, Altona, Victoria December 8–10, 2006. For further information, please contact Jeff Yuille, P.O. Box 74, Violet Town, VIC, 3669, <darleith@optusnet.com.au>.

A Civil War Christmas Ball – 62nd New York Anderson Zouaves Inc. and the 2nd US Cavalry, invite you and your dance partner to the Bushranger Hotel in the town of Collector, NSW, on the night of the 2nd of December 2006, for a Christmas Ball. RSVP and enquiries to Shannon Brown <mrshann@gmail.com> or Vanessa Burns <vanessaburns@aapt.net.au>, at your earliest convenience. Very reasonably priced accommodation available at the Bushranger Hotel \$40 single room, \$75 double room <www.bushrangerhotel.com.au>. Cost of dinner: T.B.A.

American Civil War Living History Tactical Event – Cooma 6–9th April 2007 – This event is being hosted by Annie Woodhouse and Tony Miller on their property, appropriately called, "The Wilderness" near Cooma, NSW. The event is being coordinated & organised by representatives from several units. Go to <<http://www.civilwarcavalry.org/navigation/Cooma2007/mainpage.html>> for further details

The Irish Brigade at the Glenn Innes Celtic Festival 5–6th May 2007 – 62d New York 'Anderson's Zouaves' American Civil War Reenactment Society Inc. invites interested individuals to participate in an Irish Brigade Impression. There will be an encampment, public drill and living history displays. Some reimbursement for expenses will be available. Contact Secretary-Public Officer, Stephen Gapps, M. 04 0296 9535 <stephen.gapps@optusnet.com.au>.

History Alive 2007 – Get up close and personal with your past – You are invited to meet with friends from the past at the living history event "History Alive: A Journey Through Time..." at Fort Lytton National Park, Brisbane on the Queen's Birthday Long Weekend, Saturday & Sunday June 9th – 10th, 2007.

Once again, due to a lack of space, the roster of Company 'A' and the transcription of the *Sunday Mercury* letters, promised in previous issues, could not appear in this issue of *Anderson Zouave*. The editors hope that these will appear soon in a forthcoming number.

The National Library of Australia has included *Anderson Zouave* in the Australian PANDORA Archive collection and an International Standard Serial Number (ISSN) has been allocated for both the online (ISSN 1834-1675) and the print (ISSN 1834-1683) version of the paper. Print versions of *Anderson Zouave* can be obtained by sending \$25 for one year's subscription to John Tierney (contact at john@strangeplanet.com.au for address details). Of course, the online version of the paper can be downloaded free from <<http://andersonzouaves.tripod.com/az/>>.

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